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1. PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM LEFT FOR PRC, UK AND RUMANIA WITH 15-MAN PARTY INCLUDING TWO MINISTERS (REFTEL) ON MARCH 8 WITH AIRPORT SEND-OFF BY GOVT MINISTERS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS. GOVT OWNED DAILY PAPERS AND RULINGPNC'S PARTY WEEKLY NEW NATION MARKED EVENT WITH MASSIVE FRONT PAGE PUBLICITY AND PUFF PIECES ON PRC. TYPICAL WAS EDITORIAL IN MARCH 9 NEW NATION ENTITLED "TO CHINA WITH LOVE", SAYING THAT CHINA SHOULD BE "EYE OPENER AS A GUIDE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUYANA IN ITS EFFORTS TO CHANGE THIS COUNTRY FROM A CAPITALIST TO SOCIALIST STATE. THERE IS NO DOJB THAT THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S SOCIALIST REVOLUTION HAS GREAT INFLUENCE ON THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION NOW TAKING PLACE IN GUYANA" AND CONCLUDING "LET US SET OUR GOALS HIGH AND WORK EVEN HARDER, INSPIRED BY THE PEOPLES REVOLUTION OF CHINA, IN CREATING THE NEW GUYANA PERSON AND THE PERPETUAL SOCIALIST STATE IN OUR COUNTRY".

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2. CONTINUING GOG CAMPAIGN TO IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH COMMUNIST STATES AND LDC'S AND TO LUMP COMMUNISTS STATES WITH LDC'S ALSO REFLECTED OVER WEEK-END IN ADDRESS BY MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING NARAIN. NARAIN ADVISED LOCAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION THAT "LINKAGES WITH CONSULTANTS FROM EASTERN OR NON-ALIGNED GROUP MAY BE MORE DESIRABLE THAN LINKAGES WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES CONSULTANTS", ECHOING SIMILAR RECENT MESSAGES FROM BURNHAM AND OTHER MINISTERS TO TRADE UNIONISTS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY AND OTHERS, INCLUDING SOME WITHIN GOG, HAVE DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY QUESTION OF WHETHER PRC IS MODEL FOR DEVELOPING WHAT BURNHAM CALLED "FIRST SOCIALIST STATE IN SOUTH AMERICA". IN SO FAR AS ANY INDEPENDENT STATE MODELS ITSELF ON ANOTHER, CHINA IS UNDOUBTEDLY IN FIRST PLACE AMONG MAJOR POWERS, WITH TANZANIA PROBABLY MAIN MODEL IF LDC'S INCLUDED. THOUGH THERE IS STILL A RESIDUE OF WARINESS OF THE USSR BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORIC SUPPORT FOR THE OPPOSITION PPP, THE DAYS WHEN THE USG COULD LOOK TO GUYANA AS TRULY NON-ALIGNED IN FOREIGN RELATIONS, MUCH LESS AS A "FRIEND" WITH COMMON INTERESTS, SEEM TO HAVE PASSED.
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